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STATE PASS SMITHSONIAN FOR LEROY MAKEPEACE

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: RIPLEY'S VISIT TO INDIA

REF: STATE 010683

1. EMBASSY IS PROCESSING ADVANCE OF RS. 7,500 TO THE BOMBAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY FOR REPAIRS OF JEEPS FOR RIPLEY'S VISIT, AS REQUESTED BY DANIEL.

2. BNHS IS HAVING DIFFICULTIES IN CLEARING THE TWO PACKAGES SENT BY SMITHSONIAN; ONE CONTAINING ARSENIC AND ALUM MIXTURE AND THE OTHER 80 PERCENT METHYL ALCOHOL. DANIEL SAYS BNHS CAN'T PAY THE AIR FREIGHT IN RUPEES FOR THE TWO PACKAGES NOR CAN CONGEN CLEAR THEM SINCE THEY ARE IN THE NAME OF BNHS. MOREOVER, METHYL ALCOHOL IS NOT ALLOWED TO BE IMPORTED; AT BEST THE BNHS CAN TRY TO GET THE PACKAGE OF ARSENIC AND ALUM MIXTURE RELEASED THROUGH CUSTOMS. HOWEVER, SMITHSONIAN WILL HAVE TO PAY THE AIRFREIGHT IN DOLLARS. DANIEL SAYS THAT ALL THESE ITEMS CAN BE PURCHASED IN INDIA, AND THAT HE HAD INFORMED THE SMITHSONIAN ACCORDINGLY.

3. DANIEL HAS REQUESTED US TO CONVEY TO THE SMITHSONIAN THAT ALL PACKAGES BEING SENT PURSUANT TO RIPLEY'S VISIT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN BOMBAY AND SHOULD NOT BEAR THE NAME OF THE BNHS ON THEM.

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4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONGEN'S COMMENTS, IF ANY, ON
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